

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, November 15th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Pasquale, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Dave Pasquale, (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Lowell
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Larry Bruursema	OCRC
Pat Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Cravens	Cascade Charter Township
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Dick Johnston <i>Proxy for Jeff Dood</i>	City of Rockford
Jim Koslosky	GRFIA
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Jon Rice	KCRC
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Don VanDoeselaar	City of Hudsonville
Peter Varga (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	The Rapid
Ted Vonk	Kent County

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT - Grand Region
George Yang	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Bryan Chodkowski
Dick Davies
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
Jeff Dood
Ken Feldt
George Haga
Bryan Harrison
Bill Holland
Don Hilton, Sr.
Jerry Homminga
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Keith Van Beek
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
Sparta
Cannon Township
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
City of Rockford
City of East Grand Rapids
Ada Township
Caledonia Charter Township
Georgetown Township
Gaines Township
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
City of Kentwood
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the October 18th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Itani noted that Jay Cravens should be listed on “Voting Members Present” segment of the October 18th Meeting.

MOTION by Schmalzel, SUPPORT by Vonk, to approve the October 18th 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes with the noted change. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Dingman explained that the FY2006-2008 TIP must be amended to correctly reflect the LJT (Local Jobs Today Program) projects in the year that they are going to be built as well as the year that they are going to be converted. He handed out the FY 2008 TIP Project list which identifies the projects that were selected for LJT funding. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a Motion to approve of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to correctly reflect the Local Jobs Today Program projects.

MOTION by Schmalzel, SUPPORT by Vonk, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to correctly reflect the Local Jobs Today Program projects in the years that they are going to be built as well as the years that they are going to be converted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Dingman updated the committee on the process by which population projections were adjusted. Varga inquired as to whether there are population declines in the area. Discussion followed. Itani noted that TAZ (Traffic Analysis Zone) levels in the core cities are stable. Brechting commented that the ability to review this information is helpful. Discussion followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Projections.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Bruursema to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Population Projections. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Itani gave the committee some background regarding membership requirements for the Transportation Planning Study Group (formerly TIP Committee). He explained that under the new rules two representatives must be selected to represent the townships in Ottawa and Kent Counties. Discussion and comments followed. Cravens expressed an interest in serving on this committee.

Pasquale entertained a motion to appoint Jay Cravens as the representative for the townships in Kent County on the Transportation Planning Study Group.

MOTION by Koslosky, SUPPORT by Rice to appoint Jay Cravens as the representative for the townships in Kent County on the Transportation Planning Study Group Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rinck stated that he will no longer be serving on the Policy Committee.

Itani noted that Bill Holland of Georgetown Township had expressed an interest on serving for Ottawa County.

Pasquale entertained a motion to appoint Bill Holland as the representative for the townships in Ottawa County on the Transportation Planning Study Group.

MOTION by Rinck, SUPPORT by Vonk, to appoint Bill Holland as the representative for the townships in Ottawa County on the Transportation Planning Study Group Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Itani discussed the process and schedule by which FY2009 Local Jobs Today projects will move forward. Dingman addressed the timeline for the Public Involvement Process for the FY2009 list. He clarified that projects can't be moved in the body of TIP unless there is a commitment for funding. He will keep committee informed as this Process moves forward.

Kent informed the committee of a Listening Session scheduled for November 30th regarding MDOT's FY2007-2011 Program. It will be held at the Grand Rapids TSC Office on Leonard Street between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Dingman identified several communities that together are applying for a federal program (TCSP- a community systems preservation program) for sidewalk development along portions of 28th Street. He will keep the committee informed as this moves forward.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Vonk, SUPPORT by Rinck, to adjourn the November 15th, 2006 Policy Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pasquale adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.